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Invention: **METHOD FOR CULTURING AND ASSAYING CELLS**

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

No of Claims After <u>Amendment</u>	Highest No. Previously <u>Paid For</u>	Present <u>Extra</u>	Small Entity <u>Rate</u>	Non-Small Entity <u>Rate</u>	Charge
Total <u>11</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>0</u>	x \$ 9.00	x \$ 18.00	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Indep. <u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	x \$ 40.00	x \$ 80.00	\$ <u>0.00</u>
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim/s					\$ <u>0.00</u>
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE					\$ <u>0.00</u>

A check in the amount of \$____ is enclosed to cover the filing fee of the Notice of Appeal.

A check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed for a one-month Petition for Extension of Time.

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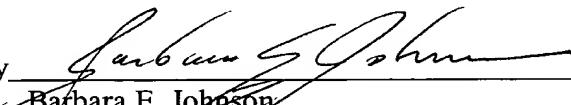
Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.

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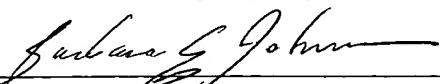

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